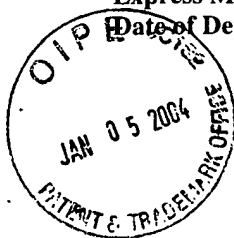


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time for replying to the July 3, 2003, Final Office Action. With the extension, the present papers are due on or before January 3, 2004, which is a Saturday, therefore papers are due January 5, 2004.

The Examiner is authorized to charge \$475.00 Deposit Account NO. 502648 reference no. 15966-703 (Cura 203). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy L. Davis".

Dated: January 5, 2004

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